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1

i am frostear, the beautiful deputy.

2

my pelt is always clean and tidy.

3

in fact, i think everyone is jealous of my beauty.

4

they should know better! jealousy is wrong.

5

i just realized the name 'frostear' is not beautiful enough for me.

6

"emberstar? may i change my name to beautifulpelt?" i ask.

7

she laughed - *laughed* - at me. "are you kidding, frostear?" she said.

8

"no."

9

she looked at me like i was stupid. i'm not stupid.

10

then, she told me she would change it to shinepelt or flowerpelt.
but that wasn't what i wanted.

11

after a moment of silence she says something.

12

"okay, *beautifulpelt*," she cringed while saying this. "let's send some patrols out."

13

the next morning, i wake up and step out of my den.

14

some apprentices were talking.

15

one said my new name! beautifulpelt!

16

one of them - my half-brother, duckpaw - starts talking louder. "look at me! i have pretty silver pelt, so i will name myself amazingfur!"

17

i am honored. he is taking inspiration!

18

"go for your dreams, duckpaw!" i say.

19

reedpaw starts howling in laughter.

20

goslingpaw ignores the two tomcats and washes her pelt.

21

"oh well, have a nice day," i meow.

22

then, duckpaw said, "go eat deathberries, beautifulpelt!"

23

"i, beautifulpelt, am not going to end my life!" i said at the rude apprentice.

24

then, everything goes dark.

25

i don't remember much other than waking up with my clanmates all looking at me. i think they're very loyal, was my first thought.

26

i guess i scratched duckpaw.

27

at least my clanmates still love me, the handsome beautifulpelt!

28

it has been many moons since then.

29

emberstar has died last sundown, and i am now...

30

well, starclan *said* i was froststar, but my cats will call me beautifulstar.

31

i call thunderclan to the highrock.

32

"i am now beautifulstar!" i announce.

33

my mate, starlingsnap, cheers loudest of all.

34

then, duckpaw's mentor, burrstripe, comes up to me.

35

he complains that duckpaw is almost twenty moons old, and still not a warrior.

36

"okay," i said. "let's call him heavybelly."

37

"fine," i say. "he will be named duckface!"

38

goslingbreeze purrs. i laugh.

39

he got a bad name, we both know.

40

my new deputy is pearstream.

41

i am woken up in the night by flowerthroat.

42

"starlingsnap wants to tell you that she's going to have kits!"

43

i blink the sleep out of my eyes, not quite sure how she was expecting kits.

44

i shake the doubt from my mind. i probably just forgot.

45

"let's go!" i say happily. when i see starlingsnap, she doesn't look as happy as i am.

46

she forces a smile. i smile back. she must truly love me, like all my cats.

47

when the kits are born, reedfall is there.

48

"why is he here, starlingsnap? only your mate and the medicine cat should be in here right now."

49

reedfall looks taken aback. 'why're you here then?"

say it isn't true!

50

"why are you here, then?" i challenge.

51

starlingsnap looks nervous.

52

"because i *am* the father."

53

at least i have ways of getting revenge.

54

"starlingsnap, as clan leader, my word is law. you must have these kittens, then give them to another cat. you will no longer be their mother."

55

"and reedfall, you are not allowed to have a mate ever again," i say.

56

now everyone is happy, so i go to sleep.

57

when i wake up, i cannot find reedfall, starlingsnap, flowerthroat, goslingbreeze, spidernose, or duckface.

58

then, i see lots and lots of blood.

59

i step over it. *whew, good thing my pelt is still beautiful!*

60

i hear the words *kill* and *beautiful*.

61

then, i decide we should go to fight riverclan. we had a quarrel at the last gathering.

62

"hey, you cats!" i meow at them

63

"let's go fight riverclan!" I scream at them.

64

the six cats nod and follow me to their land.

65

also, i bet smokestar of riverclan will not fight.

66

he will be stunned by my intense beauty.

67

when we arrive in riverclan land, i fall into a deep stream.

68

i feel myself losing a life.

69

oh, no!

70

my beautiful pelt is all messed up!

71

a handsome grey riverclan cat pins me down and i scream for help as he rips chunks of my fur off.

72

i see a silver tabby tomcat - i don't think he is from riverclan - claw my eye.

73

i can only tell because i see him holding it.

74

i lose another life.

75

i am ugly now!

76

i see five paws come down on my belly, though my vision is blurred.

77

i feel the lives draining out of me.

78

two left.

79

i make a feeble attempt to stand up, only to be faced with seeing gross red things on the ground.

80

i fall to the ground as i lose my eighth life.

81

i can barely breath now.

82

i see a pretty black and white cat that can only be starlingsnap.

83

i mouth a few words, but i know she can't tell what i want to say.

84

she leans close to me.

85

our snouts are almost touching.

86

then she lowers her head and...

87

and...

88

she ripped my throat out.

89

i see darkness closing in on me.

90

i have died.

91

then, i smell a milky scent.

92

i feel warm.

93

this is a mistake!

94

where am i, exactly?

95

i open my eyes.

96

i see something!

97

it's a long-furred grey queen.

98

why am i here?

99

then she says something that frightens me.

100

"good morning, frostkit. did you sleep well?"

trivia

➳ the whole story, except for the final few chapters, was a dream

➳ frostkit will learn from his dream and will not change his name to beautifulpelt

➳ i didn't plan for it to be a dream in the first draft

➳ goslingbreeze was ace/aro, confirming she did not have feelings for duckface

➳ the real frostkit *will* grow to get the warrior name frostear, but the other events in this story will not happen

➳ starlingsnap's warrior name was inspired by @starlingscribbles and her love for beautifulstar

➳ reedfall was the one who came up with the murder plan

➳ frostkit is bisexual with a preference for males